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TOPIC Mtz Rifle Div Prenzlau of the KVP

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 19 March 1955, the units of the Mtz Rifle Div Prenzlau had the following ration strength:

Div Hq	146 officers, NCOs and enlisted personnel	
Hq company	67 " " " "	25X1
motor transport supply unit	83 " " " "	
motor transport repair shop unit	52 " " " "	
gas defense course	68 " " " "	
signal unit and attached units including light and sound ranging units, bakery company, driving school, guard platoon	682 " " " "	
hospital	73 " " " "	
total	1,171 officers, NCOs and enlisted personnel	
Soviet advisors	12 officers	

The units of the 2d Mtz Rifle Regts had the following ration strength:

Regt Hq	105 officers NCOs and enlisted personnel
Regt school	107 " " " "
Motor Trans Co	67 " " " "
AT, AAA, Mort and SP Gun units	167 " " " "
Rcn unit	33 " " " "
Sig unit	41 " " " "
Engr unit	42 " " " "
1st Bn	305 " " " "
2d Bn	238 " " " "
3d Bn	113 " " " "
Sick room and detention room	22 " " " "
total	1,240 officers, NCOs and enlisted personnel

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The strength figure of the headquarters includes the ration strength of the komendatura, the supply and guard platoon and the military band.¹ The authorized strength of the 2d Mtz Rifle Regt provides for 1,754 officers, NCOs and enlisted personnel.² In early March, the regiment was equipped with 45 motor vehicles of German make.

2. After elements of the division had participated in the corps exercise in the Pasewalk area Between 28 February and 4 March, field exercises and advanced combat firing practices at battalion level were held prior to 19 March. Between 21 and 24 March, a field exercise for field-grade officers involved all units of the regiment, except for the independent AT, AAA and mortar units which conducted an advanced combat practice firing in the Jaegerbrueck area. ³

3. On 8 March, a KVP column of about 60 trucks returned to Prenzlau from the direction of Torgelow. The trucks towed numerous AT guns. At about 1900 on 9 March, a KVP column of 100 trucks arrived in Prenzlau from the direction of Templin. ⁴

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1. Comment. The ration strength figures do not indicate major changes over those of 8 January 1955.

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2. Comment. The information on the authorized strength of the regiment is doubted. A Soviet Mtz Rifle Regt in the Soviet Zone of Germany has a personnel strength of approximately 2,170 men.

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3. [Redacted]

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4. Comment. Elements from the Prenzlau post may have practiced in the Templin area prior to 9 March. In January and February, units of Div Prenzlau conducted exercises in the area south of Templin near Gross-Schoenebeck. These exercises apparently also involved Soviet units.

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